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TO : The Director.
FROM : Chief, Legislative Liaison Division.
SUBJECT: General Vandegrift's Testimony.

DATE: 22 ^{April} ~~February~~ 1947.

1. Attached herewith is the text of the statement of General Vandegrift presented before the Senate Armed Services Committee this morning. Also included are the proposed amendments to the unification bill as desired by the Marine Corps.

2. Attention is called to the last paragraph of the proposed amendments in which it is desired that the words "the United States Marine Corps" be inserted in Section 202 (b) of the bill. This would therefore provide that the office of Director of Central Intelligence could be held by any commissioned officer "of the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps or the United States Air Force..."

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WALTER L. PFORZHEIMER.

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*Mr. Pforzheimer -
Thanks. Retain in your file.*

STATEMENT OF
REAR ADMIRAL CLIFFORD A. SWANSON, MEDICAL CORPS, U.S. NAVY
SURGEON GENERAL, U.S. NAVY
BEFORE THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.

on

S. 758,

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To promote the national security by providing for a National Defense Establishment, which shall be administered by a Secretary of National Defense, and for a Department of the Army, a Department of the Navy, and a Department of the Air Force within the National Defense Establishment, and for the coordination of the activities of the National Defense Establishment with other departments and agencies of the Government concerned with national security.

Statement of General A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps,
before the Senate Armed Services Committee on S. 758, the
National Security Act of 1947.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

As Commandant of Marines and spokesman for our Corps, I desire
to discuss certain features of the pending measure,

I have never opposed the principle of unification, although
I have expressed strong disapproval of the objectives underlying
the original Collins Plan for outright merger of the armed forces.
I am in accord with the over-all objectives which the bill now
under consideration seeks to attain,